

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Magdalena Bieber was born on January 26, 1904, in Walworth County, to Rosina Huber-Bieber and Christian Bieber, the fourth of 10 children; and,

Whereas, Maggie's early years were spent in a sod house where she helped her mother care for her brothers and sisters after the death of her father; and,

Whereas, We celebrate the birthdays of those we love to commemorate the joys and sorrows we have shared, the strength we have gained from the obstacles and hardships we have conquered, we acknowledge Maggie's guiding influence along the way as she married Jacob Hepper on December 4, 1922, and later gave life and love to nine children, Ruth, Herbert, Hazel, James, Clyde, Art, Patricia, Joyce, and Donald, she also gave love to a stepdaughter, Esther; and,

Whereas, Maggie and Jacob farmed until their retirement in 1955, when they moved to Gettysburg, and Maggie moved from her home to assisted living in Gettysburg in 1999; and,

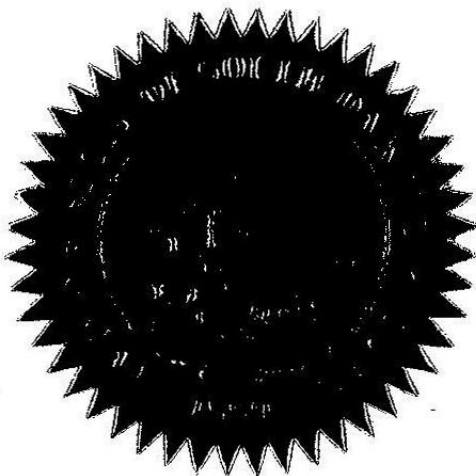
Whereas, Maggie loved to bake--her house always smelled like a bakery, and she has spent many hours caring for grandchildren, sewing clothes, crocheting afghans, slippers and other items; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a woman who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim January 26, 2004, as

MAGDALENA HEPPEL DAY

in South Dakota, and I join all her friends and relatives in wishing her a very happy birthday, good health, and great happiness.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-second Day of January in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Four.


M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:


Chris Nelson, Secretary of State